

**CHAPTER NO. 427**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1889**

**By Representative Towns**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 971**

**By Senator Ford**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 68, relative to distribution of social security numbers and health records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

4-4-1\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no state department, agency or employee thereof shall disseminate the social security number of any citizen of the state unless permission is given by such citizen or distribution is authorized under state or federal law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-1-1\_\_\_\_. The department of health or any employee thereof shall not release information that is not specifically authorized by state or federal law to any insurance company, agency, company or firm, pertaining to the health of any person without the patient's consent, or if a minor, the consent of the minor's parent, guardian or legal custodian, or pursuant to an appropriate court order.

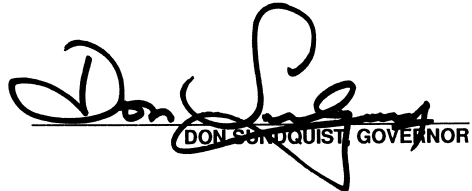
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 18, 2001**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR